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NOTE FOR: Director/OER
Acting Director/OSR

Attached is a letter from Danny on the "burden" paper. In this letter Danny urges me not to publish and give it broad dissemination outside the Government.

As you will remember I had some problem with the way some of the material in the paper was presented and asked that it be redone. I want you to continue working on the paper with the objective of making it unclassified and distributable on a broad basis. But, before it is published, I want to review it to minimize the possibility of it being misinterpreted and to maximize its clarity. After I have reviewed the draft, I shall decide whether to publish and shall inform Danny of my decision.

When can I expect to receive a reworked draft?

signed
Ed Proctor

by given: Walsh



DIA review(s) completed.

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Mr. Edward W. Proctor
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Dear Ed:

(C) I note, in your memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the paper on the burden of Soviet defense expenditures, your intention to have the paper sanitized so that it can "reach a broad audience outside the Government."

(C) The DIA staff has not yet completed its analysis and review of the paper, but it is already abundantly clear that the issues discussed are very complex. I believe that the conclusions will be properly understood only to the extent that the analytical methodology and its limitations are understood: the paper is therefore useful principally to the sophisticated reader. There is, I believe, a corollary danger that polemicists of various hues can use the paper to suggest conclusions that the analytical method will not support, and thus mislead rather than inform public opinion.

(C) I believe, therefore, that publication of the paper to "reach a broad audience outside the Government" is likely only to feed controversy, and unlikely to serve the public interest. Accordingly, I urge you to refrain from such publication.

(U) The DIA staff is continuing review of the paper, and I expect to provide comments to the Secretary of Defense and to you later this month.

Sincerely,

DANIEL O. GRAHAM
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

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